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Fatal Airplane Crash in New Fairfield

On 05-23-05, a small single engine aircraft departed from upstate New York, en route to Long Island, New York. Shortly after 11:00 a.m., Danbury Flight Control received an emergency radio transmission from the aircraft reporting a possible problem with the oil pressure of the aircraft. Radio transmissions indicated the plane was going to attempt an emergency landing into a nearby soccer field. At approximately 11:23 a.m. Troop A in Southbury received numerous emergency 911 calls from the New Fairfield area reporting that a plane had possibly crashed in the area of Gillotti Road. State Police Troopers along with the State Police Trooper "1" helicopter and local fire department personnel responded to the area. Troopers located the aircraft in a wooded area off Gillotti Rd.

State Police summoned emergency medical personnel to the scene where two persons were pronounced deceased. The identities of these individuals is being withheld, pending a notification of their next of kin and completion of post mortem examinations which will be conducted by the Office of the Chief State's Medical Examiner to determine the exact manner and cause of death.

The FAA and NTSB were notified and have responded to the scene. The Connecticut State Police, Western District Major Crime Unit also responded to the scene and will assist both the FAA and NTSB in their investigation of this aircraft crash. Any persons with information regarding this incident are requested to contact Troop A, in Southbury, at (203) 748-3573.

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